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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. IN VIEW CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SAQQAF, YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM UNDERTAKING ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH RESPECT TO US-SAUDI COOPERATIVE EFFORTS (STATE045027) UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WE BELIEVE SUBSTANTIVE POINT WHICH SAQQAF HAS MADE THAT OUR IDEAS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS AN INDUCEMENT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO HAS MERIT. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO YOU WE DO NOT WANT TO APPEAR ANXIOUS ON THIS MATTER AND WE DO WANT OUR IDEAS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO BE TAKEN AS BEING RESPONSIVE TO SAUDI DESIRES.

2. FYI: WE REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT SAQQAF'S VIEWS MAY ALSO BE MOTIVATED BY COMPETITION BETWEEN VARIOUS SAUDI MINISTERS. NEVERTHELESS, SUBSTANTIVE POINT HE MADE IS ONE WE SHOULD NOT DISREGARD AT THIS TIME. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTRARY VIEWS, PLEASE LET US KNOW. END FYI. KISSINGER

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